City of Horseshoe Bay HSB City Council Comments June 10, 2014

By Councilperson Michele Shackelford

The Horseshoe Bay City Council met on Tuesday, June 10th with Mayor Steve Jordan calling the meeting to order. Larry Sherman, Minister of Music at The Church at HSB, gave the invocation followed by the pledges to our great country and state. The Council received reports or took action on the following key matters:

- **I. FEMA Flood Plan Study:** Hurrah! FEMA has completed its final review and accepted the HSB proposed new flood plain maps and study. The new maps are expected to be here next week. Once they are received, building permitting for areas that were in the last FEMA flood plains map and now have been removed is available. FEMA will be running notice of the new maps in the local papers to start the required 90 days appeal period. Once that is completed, FEMA will adopt the new maps as final. Flood insurance rates for areas previously in the flood plains will be re-adjusted at that time. This is a great victory for our area. The new flood maps place a significantly smaller area in the flood plain than before. The new maps will be available for review at City Hall in about two weeks.
- **II. Contribution to Friends of Lighthouse:** The Council was informed by Tom D'Arcy, POA representative, that the review of the documentation regarding the ownership and control of the Lighthouse property has been completed, and that it can be said with certainty that the property is under the ownership and control of the POA for perpetuity. This was confirmed by City attorney Rex Baker, who indicated one last assignment document is being drafted for signature. Ron Mitchell reported that the Resort is hosting a golf tournament to raise proceeds for the restoration of the Lighthouse project. With this new information, a motion was made and seconded to contribute \$10,000 to the Friends of the Lighthouse for restoration efforts. The motion did not pass. Another motion was made and seconded to contribute \$5000 to the Friends of the Lighthouse for restoration efforts. The motion passed 4 votes to 1.
- III. Repair of Hi Circle South: The Council received a detailed report from Tony Plumlee, Managing Engineer for the Hi Circle South Street Improvement Project, concerning the recent problems with the breakdown of two areas of pavement on Hi Circle South. Samples were tested and the results indicate problems with the asphalt thickness and asphalt density. Discussions are in progress over the plans for repair but at this time there has been no resolution. Cory Keller, representing contractor Allen Keller reported that his company is not yet satisfied that the root cause of the failure has been determined, and do not want to proceed with a plan at this time. After discussion, the Council asked that this matter be placed on the agenda of the July meeting and encouraged the parties to come back with a resolution at that time.
- **IV. Water Conservation Report:** Jeff Koska, Utilities Director, reported the good news that recent rains resulted in 100,000 acre feet of water flowing into the area lakes, raising Lake Buchanan by 3.5 feet and Lake Travis by 6 feet. With this increase, the projected date to hit the Drought of Record has been moved from July into the fall. In addition, the chances of El Nino' developing has increased to 80%, and if this does occur, the forecast is for a wetter and cooler fall and winter. It was reported that there are ongoing discussions between the City and LCRA concerning remedies for the problem with Milford in the lake. The application process for treating this can be done as a POA instead of on an individual basis.
- **V. Public Hearing re Annex Efforts:** The Council held a public hearing to give persons an opportunity to speak concerning the City's intent to annex 18 areas in the City's extraterritorial

jurisdiction into the City limits. There were no comments. The annexation is scheduled for June 24, 2014 at 3 o'clock at City Hall.

In addition, the Council heard reports or took action on the following other matters:

- 1. Recognized Captain Jeff Isom and Fireman Kyle Smith and Josh Nail for being three of the recipients of the Emergency Medical Services for Children Texas State Partnership Award for their work in providing emergency medical care to a three year old gunshot victim two years ago in Horseshoe Bay. This is awarded only once year based on the reviews of several of the most prominent pediatric emergency care provider organizations in Texas. Isom was unable to attend the meeting due to working another emergency in HSB.
- 2. The Council again discussed whether to make any changes to Article 3.06 Signs concerning Vehicular Signs. Points of discussion included not wanting to restrict businesses, satisfaction that if a truck is used primarily in the business the current language exempts it from restrictions, and awareness that future changes can be made to the ordinance if more questions arise in the future. It was determined to make no changes at this time.
- 3. Re –appointed Sharon Hull to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a two year term.
- 4. Approved a Broker/Dealers list per the City Investment Policy.
- 5. Approved a proposed sign of Welcome to Horseshoe Bay to be placed at the intersection of FM 2147 and Hwy. 71at a cost not exceeds \$25,000.
- 6. Received the Monthly Departmental Reports which included the following:
 - (a) Plans for the deconstruction of the Ferguson Power Plant.
 - (b) Report on the application process with LCRA prior to putting any chemicals into the lake.
 - (c) Report that prototypes of the three new street sign under consideration will be at City Hall next week for viewing.
 - (d) Report that the budget process is in process and the proposed budget will be considered at the Budget Workshop scheduled for July 7th.
 - (e) Report that the proceeds from the sale of the City's bonds will be received on June 24th.
 - (f) Report that the City water conservation efforts resulted in a savings of 5,000 gallons of water for consumers during the last month.
- 7. Received the update of the progress of the Street Improvement Plan HSB West.
- 8. Approved an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that wills simplify the initial classification of property being annexed into the city.
- 9. Approved two requests for a variance from the Sign Ordinance to allow lifestyle and directional signs for specific locations in Summit Rock and for one wall sign for Ace Storage Building.
- 10. Approved request for variance from the set-back requirements to allow replacement of an existing sunroom at 115 Moon Isle.
- 11. Tabled two items concerning resolution related to sub-standard buildings until future meetings.
- 12. Approved the reinstatement of the preliminary replat and the final replat for The Grove at Summit Rock, which includes 14 lots.
- 13. Approved two requests for replating to allow two lots to be joined into one at 123 Boot Hill and 100 block of Spotted Fawn.

A Special Called City Council meeting is scheduled for June 24 at 3 o'clock in City Council Chamber. A Budget Workshop is scheduled on July 7 at 9 o'clock and the regular July City Council meeting is scheduled on July 8 at 3 o'clock in City Council Chamber.